

**MEETING MINUTES**  
**ST. CHARLES 708 COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH BOARD**  
**MONDAY, DECEMBER 1, 2019 12:00 PM**  
**MUNICIPAL BUILDING, CITY COUNCIL MEETING ROOM**  
**2 E. MAIN STREET, ST. CHARLES, IL**

**1. Call to Order**

Chair Waibel called to order at 12:01pm

**2. Roll call**

Present: Cohen, Denz, Gacic, Silkaitis, Waibel, Weddell, Travilla, Chief Keegan and Deputy Chief Pierce

Absent: None

**3. Chair Report**

Today we will discuss and vote for two areas:

1. 708 board funding directly governmental agencies. I.e. Police
2. 708 board indirectly funding governmental agencies. I.e. Lighthouse recovery as an agency that would provide service to government agencies. I.e. Police

**4. Old Business**

Carolyn discussed the history of how the board prior funded the STCPD for a part-time social worker. Carolyn then asked Chief Keegan his history of this process. Chief Keegan explained that he has extensive experience with the Streamwood police department, from substance abuse, to elderly to victims of abuse. Chief Keegan has also written grants with his former employer, Streamwood PD. Additionally, Chief Keegan explained his positive experiences with chronic offenders and how the police can intervene and offer assistance. He explained how involved the social workers are connected with the community and offers a positive effect. The new police station has an office available for a social worker and agencies can use this room as needed. Chief Keegan explained that his interest in seeking funds from the 708 boards. With Chief Keegans 26 years, he described how the social worker helps take the person in need that at times isn't crime related but can assess and offer alternative help.

Ron Weddell asked Chief Keegan if this employee would fall under the Illinois retirement act and Chief Keegan responded with yes.

Cheryl Denz asked if the SCPD could use a contractor? Chief Keegan responded with yes.

Brian Travilla asked if Chief Keegan has a preference between a contractor or an employee.

Chief Keegan is in favor of a contractor and is open to an employee.

Cheryl Denz asked if we have funding annually to hire an employee. The response was the funding may not always be available due to declining resources to the budget.

Ron Silkaitis responded with his feelings are that we should keep the funds separate.

Mike Cohen asked if social workers can see families short term. Chief Keegan responded that his vision is for short term, immediate need.

Carolyn Waibel made a motion to directly fund government agencies from the 708 board and Brian Travilla seconded the motion.

Ron Silkaitis asked Chief Keegan if all persons arrested in STC become STC citizens? Chief Keegan responded that ~95% of all cases are residents and would use current AID reporting to delineate residents. Brian Travilla added that our current application covers this question.

Ron Weddell explained his background in mental health and supported the prior social worker.

Vote for the motion:

Barb G - Yes

Ron S. - No

Ron W. - No

Michael C - Yes

Cheryl D - Yes

Brian T - Yes

Carolyn - Yes

Motion passes 5-2.

Carolyn Waibel asked for a motion to fund government agencies indirectly via a 3rd party from the 708 board.

Ron Weddell made the motion and Cheryl 2nd the motion.

Discussion ensued.

Vote for the motion:

Barb G - Yes

Ron S. - Yes

Ron W. - Yes

Michael C - Yes

Cheryl D - Yes

Brian T - Yes

Carolyn - Yes

Motion passes 7-0

Chief Keegan thanked and complimented the board for volunteering and how this makes STC unique and this is important. Deputy Chief Pierce shared also the need for community services such as this board.

## **5. New Business**

Chair Waibel brought up the by-laws - Article III - Duties and Responsibilities of the board. Specifically how do we make the public more aware? Brian Travilla asked what we did historically and Barb Gacic shared we used to print allocation timelines in various papers.

## **6. Future items**

Carolyn Waibel asked for any additional closing questions. No.

## **7. Adjourn**

Barb Gacic made a motion to adjourn and Brian Travilla 2nd. Adjourn 1:13pm